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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Nobuyuki ISHIWATA et al.

Serial No. 09/204,222

Filed December 3, 1998



GROUP 2754

Examiner W. Klimowicz

MAGNETO-RESISTANCE EFFECT TYPE
COMPOSITE HEAD AND PRODUCTION
METHOD THEREOF

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of March 16, 2000,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 18, 20.

R E M A R K S

Responsive to the requirement for restriction,
applicants elect Group I, claims 1-17, drawn to apparatus,
without traverse.

Method claims 18-20 are cancelled herewith, but may
of course be made the subject of a divisional application to
be filed at any time during the pendency of the present
application.

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An action on the merits of the elected claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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